

# Emergency Response News



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## IDEM and local agencies respond to diesel fuel spill from semi-truck accident in Clinton County

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) collaborated with local agencies during response and cleanup actions, following a diesel fuel spill from a semi-truck accident along U.S. 421, north of Kirklin in Clinton County.

On June 28, IDEM On Scene Coordinator received a call from Chief Brian Jones of the Kirklin Volunteer Fire Department about the incident. The fire department immediately placed a plug on the standpipe at a ditch to block the flow of diesel fuel from escaping into nearby Sugar Creek. The department's quick response actions prevented damage to the State's waterway.

At IDEM's request, the trucking company hired a contractor to conduct a cleanup.

The cleanup included vacuuming up approximately 300 gallons of diesel fuel at the standpipe and in the ditch. Underground utilities were identified. Twenty tons of contaminated soil were excavated. The fuel was transferred to another truck, then the overturned truck was uprighted and towed away.

The Clinton County Health Department staff oversaw and reported the completion of the cleanup to IDEM on August 7. Re-vegetation is ongoing at the site.

Agencies responding to the incident included the Kirklin Volunteer Fire Department, Clinton County Sheriff Department, Clinton County Hazardous Materials Team, Clinton County Health Department and IDEM.

### Site Snapshot

#### IDEM action:

Investigated and monitored the cleanup of spilled diesel fuel in surface water and soil.

#### Location:

Roadway ditch along U.S. 421, north of Kirklin, Clinton County, Indiana.

#### Primary substance of concern:

Diesel fuel

#### Environmental threat:

Potential contamination to Sugar Creek

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